

## AN AUCTIONEER'S STORY.

old Before Asking For Bids on a Copy of the Bible.

The auctioneer took down as the book he would offer next a copy of the Bible. But before inviting bids upon he talked about it briefly. This was a copy bound in flexible Morocco, gilt edged over red, and it contained a concordance. And then for a moment he spoke of the Bible itself, telling what the Old Testament contained and what the New and how for ages it had been the guide and comforter of millions. There were some who picked flaws in the book, but even these trusted those who believed in it and followed its teachings. And then the auctioneer told a little story.

"A man," he said, "who was traveling in a remote and sparsely settled part of the country found himself overtaken by nightfall at an isolated farmhouse. It was not the most inviting looking place in the world, but it was there or nowhere for him, and so he knocked on the door and asked if he might stay there for the night, and the farmer said he could."

"So he went in, and the farmer and his wife gave him supper, and after a time he was ready to go to bed."

"And, as a matter of fact, the traveler was troubled in his mind, as he had been, for that matter, from the moment he saw the farmer. This was a remote and lonely spot, and the farmer was a tall, gaunt, silent man with a furrowed face, and he and his wife were all the people in the household. And as the traveler dwelt again upon how far away he was and upon the gaunt, silent farmer he recalled all the stories he had read of men who had been murdered and robbed in just such part of the way places, and as the time came for retiring his fears increased, and when the farmer showed him at last to his room the traveler was much troubled, and he prepared for a sleepless and watchful night and to defend himself the best he could if need be."

"He barricaded the door with all the movable furniture in the room for one precaution, and he didn't disrobe himself, for he wasn't going to bed. He was going to sit up all night and watch. And when he had made all his preparations he put out his light and set down to keep guard for the night."

"His own light out, the traveler saw a little beam of light coming into his room through a crack in the wall on the side toward the room where he and left the farmer and his wife, and he was sure he pretty soon had his eye to that crack to see what they were doing, and there he saw them, the farmer sitting on one side and his wife on the other of the table, and both silent."

"But presently the traveler saw the old man get up and go to a shelf and take down a big book, which he laid upon the table and opened, and then, bending over the book, the farmer read from it aloud a chapter from the Bible. And the reading finished, he closed the book, and then the farmer and his wife knelt at their chairs, and the stern faced man prayed."

"And then the traveler, his fears all gone, took down the barricade from the door and went to bed to sleep peacefully and refreshingly, for he knew that there or anywhere under the roof of those who believed in the book and lived according to its precepts he was safe from all harm."

The auctioneer paused, and for a moment the room was still, and then the auctioneer spoke again, saying this time as he held the book in his hand up into view:

"Gentlemen, how much am I bid for the Bible?"—New York Sun.

## Sents in the Senate.

The custom of filing for seats in the senate is one that differs much from the methods in the house, where places are drawn for by lot. In the senate any senator who has a seat that does not appeal to him may cast his vote about, decide which senator with a good seat stands the least chance of returning the next term, either because of political reasons or because of physical infirmities, and file on the seat. By filing he simply makes application to the sergeant at arms of the senate for that particular seat when it becomes vacant.

Senator Beveridge, who now occupies Senator Spooner's seat, got it by forecasting the resignation of the Wisconsin man from the senate. At the time the Indiana senator indicated his preference for Spooner's seat there was no indication that the senator from Wisconsin would not be a senator of the senate for many years to come. Yet a few months afterward Senator Spooner decided he could afford no longer to stay in the senate, for financial reasons, and Mr. Beveridge got the place.—Washington Herald.

## Rome's Walls to Be Razed.

The Rome municipal authorities propose demolishing several portions of the city walls and building in their stead tenement houses, besides opening streets between the inside and outside quarters of the town. The proposal is opposed by the fine arts department, which argues that the noble walls that have often saved the city from pillage and destruction and on the face of which the history of Rome is written almost year by year should not disappear; but, as both the state and city refuse the expense of keeping them in repair, they are in a state of utter decay and ruin. The portion of walls loomed to disappear extends from the Porta Pinciana, brought to its present shape by Belisarius during his gallant defense of Rome from the Goths of Vitiges in 537 and celebrated owing to the sally made by the defender, to the Porta Salaria, where the so called walls of Aurelian are well preserved.

## A Talented House Agent.

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## SYNDICATE JOURNALISM.

(From the St. Louis Times.)

Within the fortnight a Baltimore newspaper has passed into the hands of a man who controls a number of journals. The paper in question has been owned in its home town and has been a force for good. It has been intimate in its knowledge of the local situation. It has had the interest of the town at heart, voicing the active concern of resident and taxpayer. Whether the new management will have the same touch is in question. The

future of the paper may be watched with interest.

Commenting upon the transfer of the Baltimore Journal to what is in effect "syndicate" ownership, the St. Joseph News says: In the West, the syndicate daily idea has failed utterly in Kansas City and St. Louis, and it is said it has been unsuccessful in Des Moines. These experiences bear out the truth of the claim that an editor, to be successful, must live among and be a part of the community in which he edits his newspaper, and not an occasional visitor, who attempts to see things as they are in varying communities and among widely varying people, at a distance of several hundred miles, and mix up one dose for all these differing conditions and characteristics that would have little potency for any one of them.

Nothing could be truer. What can an owner living in New York and France know or care of actual day by day conditions in St. Louis? He is out of sympathy, out of the intimate relation that a paper must have if it means to

reflect a community's sentiment and feel with it in its ordinary strivings.

There are three afternoon papers in the St. Louis English field. Two of them are owned by men who do not live here, whose children are not in the city's schools, whose active human interests are elsewhere. The Times is the property of St. Louis citizens, voters and taxpayers whose present and future are interwoven with that of the community. One afternoon newspaper here is the property of a man who spends his time in New York City; Nice, France; Bar

Harbor, Maine, and Jekyll Island, Georgia—a veritable bird of passage. Another St. Louis afternoon newspaper is owned largely in Ohio. These proprietors visit St. Louis at rare intervals. One of them has not been here for years. The revenues earned by their properties go to New York and Ohio banks. The Times is of and for St. Louis, with a keenness of communal sympathy that is not possible to any other afternoon paper published to St. Louis.

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